

REMARKS

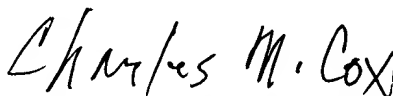
In the Office Action of July 22, 2004 a restriction was stated and an election was required as between the inventions of Group I, claims 1-5; Group II, claims 6, 8, and 15-22; and Group III, claims 12-14. Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 6, 8, and 15-22 and claim 8 is elected to represent a species of the generic compound of claim 6. It is understood that the claims of Groups I and III will be withdrawn from further consideration during prosecution of this application, but upon the allowance of generic compound claim 6 that the Group I and III claims may be rejoined to the application.. Method claim 1 contains all of the compound limitation that compound claim 6 contains and method claim 12 is a method for producing a compound as defined by claim 6. Accordingly, the claims of Group I and II are properly the subject of rejoinder upon the allowance of generic compound claim 6.

It is noted that as of the third Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, all currently pending claims were free of any prior art rejection. The only rejection of the currently pending claims was for double patenting of the obviousness type and on February 23, 2004, a terminal disclaimer was filed to moot that basis for rejection. Hence, it is believed that all claims are allowable and since generic compound claim 6 is allowable, all claims of Groups I and III should be rejoined to the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that with this amendment and election this application stands in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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